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In Re Application of)
Cantrell)
Serial No. 09/619,793) Examiner: D. Walls
Filed: 07/20/00) Unit No. 1731
FOR: WRAPPER FOR A SMOKING ARTICLE)

AMENDMENT A UNDER RULE 111

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2001,
please amend subject application accordingly:

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain in the application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 6-13 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Noe in view of Ross.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner on this ground of rejection.

The instant invention is directed to a smoking article having improved taste quality while simultaneously reducing spotting or staining. The smoking article claimed in the broadest claims claim a smoking article which includes an outer wrap and an inner wrap which circumscribes a tobacco rod and

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